

BIBLE READING FOR 2023

WEEK #3

EXODUS 1-20

01-15-23

Monday - Exodus 1-5

Thursday - Exodus 13-16

Tuesday - Exodus 4-9

Friday - Exodus 17-20

Wednesday - Exodus 10-12

Exodus is the second book of the Pentateuch, as well as the Bible, and comes from a Greek word meaning “going out.” It gives us information on what happened to Israel in Egypt after the death of Joseph. The favored status that God’s people enjoyed in the early part of their stay in the land of Goshen in later years deteriorated to a miserable life of slavery and abuse. They became the source of suspicion and fear to an unsympathetic Pharaoh who felt no ties to Joseph and the past. God had blessed Israel and they had grown from the seventy that had come from the land of Canaan, as is mentioned in Genesis, to a number that is thought to have been as high as two or three million people. Egypt was afraid that if this massive work force was not kept under control it could rebel and overthrow the nation. Israel was subjected to extremely harsh treatment, unreasonable working conditions and expectations and even the death of their male children, as part of the effort to keep them under submission. This, along with the fact that God said Israel would return to Caanan, is why a “going out” of Egypt was necessary. We estimate the date of the Exodus to have been about 1450 B.C.. However, this is a subject of debate among scholars and some feel that a date of 1290 B.C. would be more likely.

The author is Moses.

The theme of the book is redemption. It tells how God saves Israel from the tyranny of an ungodly nation and enables them to enter into a covenant relationship with Him as His chosen people. By seeing how God used Moses in redeeming the Israelites we can see similarities to how Christ later became the redeemer of all of mankind.

1. Moses was a prophet so was Christ.
2. Moses was a deliverer so was Christ.
3. Moses was a lawgiver so was Christ.

An outline of the book would be as follows:

1. The story of deliverance 1-12
2. The journey to Sinai 3-19
3. The giving of the Law and
the making of the tabernacle 20-40

Questions for Exodus chapters 1-20

- 1.) What were Pharaoh instructions to the Hebrew midwives, in chapter one, to be carried out when a child was born to the Israelites?

- 2.) What did God tell Moses from the burning bush in 3:5?
- 3.) In chapter twelve what great feast did God institute for the Jews?
- 4.) How does Moses describe the scene in 14:29 as Israel crossed the Red Sea?
- 5.) In the first part of chapter twenty what is given to the Jews that was so important in their relationship with God?

Answers to questions for Week #2 – Genesis 27-50:

- 1.) Esau was going to kill Jacob after their father Isaac died.
- 2.) Bilhah was Rachael's maid and Zilpah was Leah's maid and they both became wives of Jacob.
- 3.) Reuben.
- 4.) God.
- 5.) Jacob was 130 years old when he came into Egypt and lived